Wayside Inn Diary

Monday July 1, 1935

Pleasant.

Historic Abner Wheeler House Again Beckons

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Colonial Atmosphere Retained, Although Beautified, and Made More Attractive, As Public Is Welcomed By Mr. Jackson Today

Framingham News - July 1, 1935

After several months of work the spacious Abner Wheeler House, corner of Main street and Worcester road on the Turnpike at Framingham Centre was opened to the public this noon.

The historic house has lost none of its colonial atmosphere during the renovation process. Five of the rooms are the original Abner Wheeler rooms. One of these includes the dining room and one steps into a room typical of a home during the Revolutionary period. Indeed, with the exception of the modern maple furniture, it remains the same as in the days when the Abner Wheeler tavern was a popular rendezvous for travelers.

The original fireplaces, with their warming pans and other utensils before them, and the hand-hewn beams, add to the colonial charm of the room. This room will be a mecca for antique lovers because the balcony which surrounds it has been converted into a gift shop.

Single candles furnish light in the evening, in accordance with the surroundings. There are also several nooks leading from the main dining room if one desires more privacy.

Leading from the dining room is the terrace. The brick tile floor and salmon colored ceiling with the hanging lanterns still carry out the colonial atmosphere. Supporting pillars have potted flowers attached to them. Evergreens before the original colonial doorways add to the general atmosphere of coolness implied by the green and white color scheme. Maple furniture and chintz draperies complete the furnishings.

The terrace, which seats 150 patrons, looks out on the spacious lawns of the estate. The windows of the terrace are illustrated with colonial scenes which are illuminated at night.

The remaining rooms, which may be used for private dinner parties or private card parties are also furnished in maple still carrying out the colonial atmosphere. The mirrors, sconces, and rag rugs further exemplify it. Paintings of Wallace Nutting are in evidence. The rooms were furnished under the direction of Wallace Nutting. The ample kitchen has all modern methods in sanitation.

There is parking space for one hundred and fifty cars on the grounds.

Th Abner Wheeler House is operated under the personal supervision of Noble Jackson of Boston, who has been very successful in this line of work.

The manager of the house is Miss Tina Moore of Hyannis, formerly with Schraft's, the Moore Shop of Hyannis and The Collingwood Tea Room of New York.

The hostess is a Framingham young woman, Miss M. Frances Walsh.

Mr. Noble Jackson, owner of the Abner Wheeler House, was a guest at the Inn for dinner in the winter when the restoration was in

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progress in and around his old home.

George Earle.

George Earle, one of the school boys, who has been assisting in the front of the Inn for the last two Sundays and will be here with us again this week.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Tuesday July 2, 1935.

Pleasant.

Delphinium and Foxglove

Foxglove.

A walk through the garden today and we are amazed to see the height of these flowers. Miss Fisher, one of the hostesses, snapped these pictures and the branches are taller than she – they are nearly six feet high.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Wednesday July 3, 1935

Pleasant

Several years ago Boston had a very fine mayor, Mr. James J. Storrow. Today his widow came to visit us, - a charming lady who is responsible for many improvements in and around Boston. She has made of the left bank of the Charles River a beautiful place to walk or sit and has given land to continue the parkway up to the Cottage Farm Bridge.

Her lovely estate in Belmont has been entirely devoted to Girl Scout activities. She has also assisted in bringing about the Esplanade Concerts so popular in Boston.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Thursday July 4, 1935

Pleasant - Very Warm.

Wayside Inn.

July fourth and a very hot day!

One of our guests today was a Mr Balch who had been here in Mr Lemon's day and knew him very well. He was once a passenger on the "Cricket," the four horse coach which used to make trips from the Hotel Touraine in Boston to the Wayside Inn. One day when he and Mr. Lemon were out walking down by the brook they

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saw an otter which was a rare sight even in those days. The otter got hold of Mr. Lemon's little dog by the nose and pulled him into the water where he drowned before anyone could come to his assistance.

Mr Stidger who wrote the biography of Mr Ford was another visitor today.

Mr. and Mrs. James Humberstone and two friends came this evening and are staying two or three days as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ford. Mr. Humberstone is employed at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn.

Wayside Inn Diary

Friday July 5, 1935

Pleasant. Very warm.

Seventeen ladies and gentlemen arrived at twelve thirty for luncheon. Each week a tour is started on Sunday by the Tauck Tours in N.Y.C. and on Friday they have lunch at the Inn and so today we welcomed the first of a series of eight or ten. This historical tour lasts a week. There are seven busy days scheduled ahead for them. It is a round of interest to all, most of them are visiting New England for the first time.

Five Gray Line buses brought tourists this afternoon. We ex-

Fri. July 5, 1935 Continued.

pect one or two groups every day but were greatly surprised when five came within an hour and a half. It was busy while it lasted.

The days ~~have~~ been ideal until this terribly hot wave came. Yesterday and today have been the hottest this year - record days on the calendar.

Wayside Inn Diary

Saturday July 6 1935

Pleasant

Another hot day but more airy than the past two days.

This picture is a clipping from the Boston Globe. It shows Miss Ann Tharpe's house at North Sudbury which has recently been moved here from Lincoln Mass. It is a duplicate of the home of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and is being restored by Miss Tharpe, a granddaughter of Longfellow.

Sat. July 6, 1935 Continued.

At six thirty this evening a group of forty boys and girls of the Senior Dept. Congregational Sunday School of Wrentham Mass. came to see the Inn and have a picnic near the grist mill.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Sunday July 7, 1935.

Showery.

Mr. James Humberstone and party left early this afternoon. We have enjoyed having them stay at the Inn and hope they will come and stay again. No sooner had they gone when Mr. W. W. Taylor also from the Ford Museum in Dearborn came to pay us a visit. He was happy to return to the Inn where he had spent so much time as a collector of antiques for Mr. Ford.

Charlie Barkhouse, one of the Boys School graduates of two years ago, now a resident of Detroit was a visitor this afternoon.

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday July 8, 1935

Showery.

About this time of year we begin to think more seriously about the Inn vegetable gardens. All about the property are gardens of green vegetables and the produce is splendid. The potato patch near the Calvin Howe house is worthy of special mention. In the field at this end of the mill we have squash growing. Peas are planted near the Parmenter house and on Peakham Road and near the Hagar place are other gardens.

The "market" garden at the east of the Inn furnishes fresh

Mon. July 8, 1935 Continued

vegetables for the sun and the market stand where they are sold.

Twenty-six students from the State Normal School, Normal, Illinois were guests of the sun today. They are touring the eastern states as a part of their summer course in school.

Wayside Inn Diary

Tuesday July 9, 1935

Pleasant.

Since the Lien-Richard wedding took place in the small ballroom on Friday, May 31, 1935 we have had hundreds of guests inquiring about it.

The ballroom - May 31, 1935.

Tues July 9, 1935 Continued

A view of the fireplace at the farther end of the ballroom and the setting for the wedding ceremony.

The fireplace at the door of the ball-room - decorated for the occasion

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Wayside Inn Diary.

Wednesday July 10, 1935

Pleasant.

This has been more or less of an uneventful day. There have been the usual tourists to see the house and guests for luncheon and dinner. Every afternoon the hostesses are busy telling the story to visitors and at this time of year nearly all are strangers to us. Occasionally we see a familiar face among the crowd. Privately conducted groups are frequent as well as groups who are guided by the Gray Line lecturers.

Wayside Inn Diary

Thursday July 11, 1935

Pleasant.

the old pump — The entrance to the Inn.

Eight ladies had tea at three o'clock this afternoon as guests of Russell and Burnett Inc., Ford dealers in Somerville.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Friday July 12, 1935

Pleasant - A.M.
Showery - P.M.

The second Tauck Tour came for luncheon at twelve thirty this noon. There were twenty six in all including the driver and lecturer. Being on schedule they had very little time to wander leisurely but hurried through the Inn and outside, they didn't miss a thing. We are expecting a larger group the next time they come.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Saturday July 13, 1935.

Pleasant.

The Lackawanna Tours which starts from New York every other week on a trip through New England had luncheon today. It was a small group for their first trip.

Mr. James Edney and nine guests had a broiled chicken dinner in the old kitchen to-night. One guest gave their secret away before the dinner started. Mr. Edney and his fiancee are being married to-morrow and had gathered their friends together to tell them the news.

Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday, July 14, 1935

Pleasant.

Many visitors remark about the hollyhocks in the garden. They are tall and beautifully colored in deep red and deep pink giving a very lovely effect of pastel coloring. In the barroom on a table near the front window the hollyhock ladies are seen floating around in a shallow pewter bowl partly filled with water.

These little dolls are made by attaching a blossom and a bud. The blossoms form the skirt and by taking the outer leaves from the bud little holes are disclosed forming the eyes.

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday July 15, 1935

Rain.

Three large gray busses drove up to the parking space shortly after noon today and ninety ladies and gentlemen came for luncheon. This was a special group from the South and were being escorted by the Grayline lecturers.

It has been a dull day but when tourists have their plans made even the weather man cannot break them, they must go on rain or shine, so we have had group after group to see the Inn.

Wayside Inn Diary

Tuesday July 16. 1935

Overcast.

At least once a week Miss Gertrude MacCallum brings children from the West Newton Community Centre, Inc. Today four small children came and found the Inn most interesting.

Twenty five ladies had tea this afternoon as guests of the Middlesex Sales, Inc., Ford dealers from Medford.

The ΔΜΕ Sorority Boston University School of Music was represented by eight members who came for dinner tonight. Miss Anne Dickerson, a former hostess and teacher at the Inn, was one of the group.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Wednesday July 17, 1935

Pleasant.

Court St. Monica, Catholic Daughters of America, Andover, Mass. came for luncheon at noon. There were twenty five members in the group. Mrs. Gwendolyn Perrault, Grand Regent, was in charge of arrangements.

Nineteen members of the Harmony Group of the Congregational Church, Needham, Mass. had tea this afternoon as guests of the Needham Sales, Inc. Ford dealers. This is the first group brought by this dealer and we are looking forward to another real soon.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Thursday July 18, 1935

Pleasant. Very hot.

Mrs. A. Jamieson and twenty three members of a Belmont social club had luncheon at noon, were shown through the Inn and walked to the coaches, the schoolhouse and the mill.

The president of the American Oil Company and five men from the home office had luncheon, specially requested, in the old Kitchen. At "Amoco" gas stations huge posters are hung - they are celebrating their 25th anniversary of Amoco gasoline on the market!

Wayside Inn Diary

Friday July 19, 1935

A.M. Pleasant
P.M. Thunder showers.
Very hot day.

Seventy eight members of the North Carolina Press Asso. Norfolk, Virginia had luncheon at noon. The Gray Line made arrangements for the group and their lecturers were escorting them on a sight seeing trip through Boston, Concord and Lexington. It was a very easy group to identify, they were all wearing ribbons pinned to their coats with the initials N.C.P.A. When it came time for them to to be called for lunch we went looking for "red ribbons".

Thirty four came for luncheon on the Tavern Porch.

Wayside Inn Diary

Saturday July 20, 1935

Overcast.

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The engagement of Miss Vivian Powell of Newton Mass was announced today at a luncheon at Wayside Inn. Fourteen were in the party served in the old dining room.

Seventeen had luncheon today coming on the Lackawanna Tour which comes every Saturday.

Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday July 21, 1935

Overcast.

Famous Sights Of Old London

Westminster Abbey Ranks With Most Noted Churches Of the World

By UNCLE RAY

There is an old, old church in London, and its official name is the "Collegiate Abbey of St. Peter.

That is the official name, but the world in general knows it as "Westminster Abbey." It is located in Westminster, one of the many cities which form Greater London.

Westminster Abbey is the most noted church in Great Britain, and ranks in world fame with Notre Dame of Paris and St. Peter's of Rome.

There is a legend that St. Peter himself dedicated Westminster Abbey; but even though the church is very ancient, it does not date back so far as the lifetime of St. Peter.

The first church on the spot appears to have been built more than 1300 years ago, during the reign of Egbert, a Saxon King.

A later King, Edward the Confessor, ordered the building of a new church, and this one was used for the crowning of William the Conqueror. All the English Kings since that time, except one, have been crowned in Westminster Abbey.

During a period of hundreds of years, much work was done in adding to the size of Westminster Abbey, and in rebuilding parts which needed repair. It was not "finished" until the year 1740.

The poet Chaucer, who lived close to the abbey and was employed as "clerk of the works," was given the honor of being buried inside the church. That event took place more than five centuries ago. Other famous poets have been buried there in later times, among them Spenser, Tennyson and Browning. They lie in a section known as "the Poets' Corner." In the same section is a statue of the head and shoulders of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, noted American poet. He was not buried there, but his bust was placed in the Poets' Corner along with images of a few British writers.

It is pleasing to note that Charles Dickens, an author whose heart was kind, is among the others buried in Westminster Abbey Isaac Newton and Charles Darwin are two scientists who received the same honor.

Many Kings and Queens of England are entombed in the abbey. Among the Queens is Elizabeth, and not far distant from her are the remains of Mary of Scotland, the pretty Scotch Queen whose death warrant was signed by Elizabeth.

(For Travel section of your scrapbook.)

Seven Wonders of the World! Do you know what they are? Would you like to know more about them? If so, write to Uncle Ray to ask for his "Seven Wonders" leaflet, and enclose a 3c stamped envelope addressed to yourself.

Uncle Ray

In the garden there is a statue of the head and shoulders of Longfellow. It is always admired by our guests. In the Poets' Corner of Westminster abbey is another very similar.

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Another visitor today

SHIP PARADE AS FOG LIFTS

Ocean Liners, Coastwise Ships and Craft of Every Type Crowd Harbor After Mist Clears

RETURNS FROM WORLD TRIP

Miss Lois Knopsnyder, University of Southern California, who reached here yesterday on her round-the-world trip on the Dollar liner, President Johnson.

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday July 22. 1935

Overcast.

When the fog lifted from Boston harbor for a brief spell yes-terday, settled down again and then was whisked away early last night as suddenly as it had appeared, Boston had a ship parade that was perhaps never excelled and rarely equalled. The fog which enveloped the harbor Saturday and Sunday had been lying offshore for several days, created by the air currents caused by the changeable weather.

As a result of this we had many groups this afternoon. The Merchant and Miners ships docked, and a visit to the Wayside Inn

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is the trip they make as soon as they are put ashore. Two busses came today with passengers.

A group of Londoners, making a trip around the world on the Dollar Liner President Johnson, were here for luncheon and spent many minutes looking around. They were escorted by Gray Line lecturers.

ENGLISH GROUP SAILING AROUND THE WORLD
This group of Londoners are making a cruise around the world on the Dollar Liner President Johnson, which visited here to take on passengers yesterday.

Wayside Inn Diary

Tuesday July 23, 1935

Pleasant.

BEEKMAN ARMS
RHINEBECK, NEW YORK
OLDEST HOTEL IN AMERICA

OPEN ALL THE YEAR
ESTABLISHED 1700

The manager of Beekman Arms was a guest at luncheon this noon. We feel entitled to a share in this quotation "Oldest Inn in America."

Mr. Charles Detwiller of Plainfield, N.J. said his grandfather knew Long fellow very well. He came across the ocean with Longfellow who taught him how to play his first game of cards.

Wayside Inn Diary

Wednesday July 24, 1935

Pleasant

MORMON WOMEN VISITING BOSTON

Four of a group of Mormon women who are visiting Boston. Left to right—Mrs. Vida Fox Clawson, Ruth May Fox, president of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association, a Mormon organization; Miss Clarissa Beesley and Miss Erma Roland.

MORMON PARTY VISITS CITY ON EASTERN TOUR

En Route from South Royalton, Vt., Where Church Owns Farm

Eighty-four Mormons, most of them from Salt Lake City, arrived in Boston yesterday on a tour of eastern states. They came here from South Royalton, Vt., where their church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, owns a farm. Today they will leave by boat for New York.

Mrs. Ruth May Fox, 82, president of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association, an organization of 65,000 young Mormon women, is leading the visiting group. Her daughter, Mrs. Vida Fox Clawson, is accompanying her, as is her first counsellor in the improvement association, Miss Clarissa Beesley.

Miss Erma Roland, who is attending the Phidelah Rice school at Vineyard Haven and will eventually teach young Mormon women dramatics and the dance, met the delegation on their arrival.

Ninety Mormon women who are visiting Boston had luncheon at the Inn at noon. Mrs. Vida Fox Clawson was in charge of arrangements.

Wayside Inn Diary

Thursday July 25 1935

Showery.

We do not have as many school groups during the summer months but three have been guests so far this week.

Miss Gertrude MacCallum who comes nearly every week was here on Tuesday with members of the West Newton Community Centre. A group of seven members of Stearns School Centre, Newton, were guests yesterday. Thirty-six girl scouts from Westboro Mass. came today.

Wayside Inn Diary

Friday July 26, 1935

Pleasant.

Forty eight guests came for luncheon on the Truck Tour at twelve thirty and very soon after that twenty three arrived on the Gray Line for luncheon. We had many transients as well bringing our number well over one hundred at noon.

Ninety students from the East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville N. C. on an educational tour of the eastern states and Canada, were guests this afternoon.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Saturday July 27, 1935

Pleasant.

There were twelve for luncheon on the Lackawanna Tour. These luncheons are arranged for every Saturday during July and August and we know a week in advance the number to expect.

SPIN FLAX GROWN 150 YEARS AGO

Left to right, Mrs. Louise Pelletier, Mrs. Alice Deveau and Mrs. Addie St. Pierre, in costume at the Pioneer Village, Salem, spinning flax grown in Topsfield 150 years ago.

Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday July 28, 1935

Pleasant.

Mrs. Settle, with several students from the American Institute of Normal Methods, came this afternoon. A three weeks session is held every summer at Lasall Seminary in Auburndale, Mass. for music teachers and supervisors.

Many guides come to the Inn during the course of the tourist season. Some are connected with special tourist agencies but many work individually. This afternoon the first guide came from the Burroughs Newsboys Foundation, Boston. They are called "Newsboy Guides" and have had plenty of experience

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Sun. July 28, 1935 Continued.

in Historic Boston and it's Environs.

South Meeting House -- Old State House

Boston Massacre - Beacon Hill - Paul Revere House - Old North Church

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OUT OF TOWN TOURS

May be included with the Boston trip upon request. See Lexington, "The Birthplace of the Nation", Cambridge, "The University City", Concord, home of "American Authors," Sudbury of "Longfellow fame".

A trip to the Arnold Arboretum, Franklin Park, The Blue Hills, or any other showspots in and near Boston, may be made more pleasurable by one of our guides.

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We welcome you to our city, and
We invite you to visit us.

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday July 29, 1935

Pleasant.

Miss Andrews from the Home for Boys in Franklin, New Hampshire was a guest at the Inn this afternoon. There are four of her boys at the school and today she brought another boy as a prospective student.

We had fifty seven people for luncheon at one o'clock. It was a Gray-Line tour with passengers from the Merchant and Miners Transportation Company. Their ships dock in Boston nearly every Monday and Friday for a one day tour of the city.

Wayside Inn Diary

Tuesday July 30. 1935

Pleasant.

Congratulations from the Wayside Inn family to Mr. Ford on his 72nd birthday!

It has been sometime since Mr. Edsel Ford has visited the Inn so today we are pleased to say that he came but only for a very short time.

Mrs. Laura Beckett, 921 Laramie Ave., Chicago, Illinois was a guest today. At ninety years old, Mrs. Beckett is touring the New England states and enjoying every minute. Yesterday she went up on Mt. Washington by train and today is visiting historical houses.

Wayside Inn Diary

Wednesday July 31, 1935

Pleasant.

Storrowtown is located on the Eastern States Exposition Grounds, West Springfield Mass. and open from June to October. Mrs. Schuyler Herron, director, visited with us today and extended to everyone at the Inn a cordial invitation to visit their colonial village.

Wayside Inn Diary

Wednesday July 31, 1935

Pleasant.

Open June to October

EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION GROUNDS

West Springfield, Massachusetts

Storrowtown is located on the Eastern States Exposition Grounds, West Springfield Mass. and open from June to October. Mrs. Schuyler Herron, director, visited with us today and extended to everyone at the Inn a cordial invitation to visit their colonial village.

ORIGINAL Colonial and early-American buildings have been restored and grouped around a village green in West Springfield to form Storrowton, the most unique village in America. Storrowton, the gift of Mrs. James J. Storrow of Boston, preserves for posterity the peaceful charm and beauty of the early New England village life. The latchstring is out at the little white entrance gate every day, including Sunday, from June to October.

DELICIOUS FOODS, such as grandmother made, as well as modern New England favorites, are served in the old tavern that has dispensed hospitality for nearly two hundred years.

ANTIQUE FURNISHINGS grace the rooms, and rare hand-carved panelling, corner cupboards, and hand-hewn beams are distinctive features. Each building is a gem of early-American or Colonial architecture that had been abandoned to destruction in some New England village.

HOSPITALITY is graciously offered to thousands who journey from all parts of the world to visit the village a few hours or to remain a few nights. Here you can wander intimately through the group of eleven *original* buildings which express the dignity and rugged simplicity of the Colonial and post-Revolutionary period in the history of America. Great open fireplaces glow cheerily on cool nights for those who spend a night or a week-end in the Potter Mansion.

THE OLD COUNTRY STORE has quaint treasures for souvenirs or gifts — everything from early-American glass and prints to great peppermint sticks. Down the village path is the fine old town house, the Cape Cod cottage with its gay old-fashioned gardens, and the meetinghouse with one of the oldest handmade organs in the country. Even a little red schoolhouse and a blacksmith shop are a part of the village.

OLD TIME DANCES are a weekly feature on Friday evenings in the great stagecoach barn. The old fiddler "calls" and no one is too old or too young to join merrily in the contra dances and quadrilles that are famous features of the village.

HANDICRAFT that has delighted women for generations is included in the exhibits at the village. There are coverlets woven on old looms, quilts evolved from the piece-bag, rugs, melon baskets, silhouettes, samplers and other treasures.

AROUND THE VILLAGE GREEN after twilight the quaint lamps cast a friendly glow upon the mellow buildings that have cradled the early pioneer settlers of New England and now perpetuate for all time the dignity and courage that is our heritage. The restful beauty of the village will linger long in your memory.

Wayside Inn Diary

Thursday August 1, 1935

Pleasant

Twenty six students from Boston University summer school were guests this afternoon. Miss Barbara Brown, teacher at the Redstone School, is attending classes at B.U. this summer and came with her student friends. When school closes in June and we do not see the teacher as often as during the school year it is a pleasant surprise to have her with us again even though it happened to be for just a few minutes.

Wayside Inn Diary

Friday August 2, 1935

Pleasant

The weather has been ideal for these past few days, warm at times, but bright and sunny the better part of the day.

The fifth Truck Tour group came for luncheon today, thirty three in all. Mr. Laughlin, conductor of the group, was most complimentary today in regard to the luncheons and service shown to his group.

Wayside Inn Diary

Saturday August 3, 1935

Pleasant.

Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson of Raleigh, North Carolina was here for luncheon today and told us that she sold the colonial bed in the Longfellow room to Mr. Ford.

A group of 24 students from the George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tennessee came this afternoon. There were students from eight states, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, Kentucky and Mississippi.

Ten Lackawanna Tourists came for luncheon at noon and said this stop was one of the most interesting on their trip.

Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday Aug 4. 1935

Pleasant.

Miss Evelyn Tipson of Philadelphia stayed overnight. She is a concert pianist and has played with the Philadelphia Symphony orchestra.

It was very warm today. We were not as busy as we usually are with dinner guests but on Sundays we have all types of people to look around and we are very glad to have them. They seem to enjoy their visit and are anxious to hear about everything.

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday Aug 5, 1935

Pleasant.

It has been a very busy day. Mondays during the past five or six weeks have been some of our busiest days. For six successive Mondays we have had a Gray Line group for luncheon. Sixty five came today shortly after noon and two busses came at three oclock with guests to see the Inn. From noon until two thirty we are busy with luncheon guests and from then until late evening there are tourists who wish to look around.

Wayside Inn Diary

Tuesday August 6, 1935

Overcast.

Louie and Hyman Seligman were dinner guests today and both are looking very well. Hyman graduated from the Wayside Inn Boys School in 1930 and Louie in 1931. They are living in Detroit and both working at the Ford Motor Co. Through them we sent greetings to our other boys who are living there.

A card was received just recently from Miss Helen Simpson of Boston who is in Switzerland at present. Miss Simpson comes with Miss Ogden who is one of our best customers.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Wednesday August 7, 1935

Pleasant.

On last Saturday the boys left on their summer vacation to be gone for two weeks. Mr. Young, Mr. Sefton, Mr. Delegrieco and about thirty boys are camping at Ashby, Mass. near Fitchburg, the other twenty boys have gone with friends or relatives. Although we are not in contact with the boys at all times it is very quiet around and we miss seeing them and having them with us.

We do hope that each and every boy is enjoying his vacation.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Thursday August 8, 1935

Pleasant.

A guest at dinner tonight was a gentleman who is employed by the Firestone Company of Chicago. He had the pleasure of showing Mr. Ford the Firestone exhibit at the World's Fair. He is sending to the Ford Museum an exhibit from his company showing the evolution of the rubber tire.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Friday August 9, 1935

Pleasant.

The Tauck Tourists came for luncheon at twelve thirty today. Mr. Tauck, owner of the "Tauck Vacation Tours," was with them. It was his first visit since the group have been coming. Two huge stream line busses transport these people on their seven day N. E. tour.

Forty-three people had luncheon at one o'clock coming on the Gray Line Tour.

Two hundred and twenty six meals were served throughout the day.

Wayside Inn Diary

Saturday August 10, 1935

Pleasant

At least once a year the Inn looks forward to a visit from the Edsel Ford children. Today they visited on their way from Seal Harbor, Maine to Dearborn. Mrs. Edsel Ford, Josephine and Billy Ford and the people who take care of them arrived this morning and stayed until four thirty. Henry 2nd came this afternoon from the Hotchkiss School where he has been during the summer. There is much to interest the younger children and their visit is usually a happy one.

Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday August 11, 1935

Overcast.

A Wayside Inn Coach "on it's way"

It had been a rather uncertain day, showery at times. We expected a quiet afternoon but were very busy. There were more guests to see the Inn today than any other day this summer! Groups were continuous through the afternoon and evening. One hundred and forty seven meals were served.

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday August 12, 1935
Pleasant - warm.

Miss Albertine Travers and Miss Clara Temper of Rhinebeck, New York were overnight guests tonight. In the morning they are leaving by boat for Evangeline land.

"This is the forest primeval. The murmuring pines and the hemlocks."

They thought it would be appropriate to stay at the Wayside Inn where Longfellow stayed and where possibly some ideas for Evangeline may have come to him.

Wayside Inn Diary

Tuesday August 13, 1935

Pleasant - warm

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Gassett, Isabelle and Patricia came this evening and are planning to stay with us for about a week. Mr. Gassett is connected with the Radio Division of the Ford Motor Company in Dearborn.

This part of New England is very familiar to Mr. Gassett. He was born in Ashland, Mass. a town just a few miles from the Inn.

Wayside Inn Diary

Wednesday August 14, 1935

Showery.

Forty people had luncheon at noon coming on the Gray line from the Merchant and Miners ship that docked in Boston this morning.

Mr William Vinal with twenty seven teachers from the Nature Guide School, Cleveland Ohio had dinner at six o'clock this evening.

Sixty three children from the Hecht Neighborhood House, Boston were guests of the Inn this afternoon. Miss C. Lefenburg and Miss P. Wallins were with the group.

Wayside Inn Diary

Thursday August 15, 1935

Pleasant.

Rev. C. C. Young of Sterling, Mass. visited the Inn this afternoon and was very proud to say that he was pastor of the church whose society owned the Mary Lamb School at the time Mr. Ford purchased it in 1927.

Nineteen members of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, Woburn Mass came this afternoon as guests of the Walnut Motor Co. of Woburn.

Wayside Inn Diary

Friday August 16, 1935

Pleasant.

The Tauck Tourists had luncheon at noon, thirty in all. Most of the groups were teachers and were delighted to be shown the Mary Lamb School. After luncheon Mrs. Bennett went with them to tell the story.

Twenty one boys ranging in age from five to eight years had luncheon this noon. They came from the Bob White Camp located between Framingham and Ashland, Mass.

Sixteen people came for luncheon at noon on the Bitler Tour from Cleveland, Ohio. They are on a sixteen day tour of

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the New England states.

A side view - a Tauck bus.

Two Tauck busses at the Inn on Friday Aug. 9, 1935.

Wayside Inn Diary

Saturday August 17, 1935

Pleasant.

A small group of Lackawanna Tourists came for luncheon at one o'clock. There were only seven in the group today but every one enjoyed the Inn and its surroundings. It was one of their most interesting stops!

Twenty nine "Gray Liners" had luncheon at noon. Most of them were from the Merchant and Miners ship that came up from the South yesterday.

Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday August 18, 1935.

Pleasant.

Billy and Josephine Ford and Mr. Laughlin on a recent visit to Wayside Inn.

Sundays are not our busiest days in the dining room but they are in the front of the house and we realize it especially when we add the admissions at the close of the day. The evenings are more quiet than other days.

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday August 19 1935.

Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Gassett and the two girls left this morning after spending nearly a week with us. During this time they made many interesting historical trips to Concord and Lexington, Boston, Plymouth and enjoyed the sea bathing at Duxbury.

Fifty "Gray Liners" had luncheon at one thirty.

Thirty one members of a "Class in American and English Authors," Rhode Island College of Education from Providence R. I. had dinner this evening.

Little Patricia Gassett made many friends while she was at the

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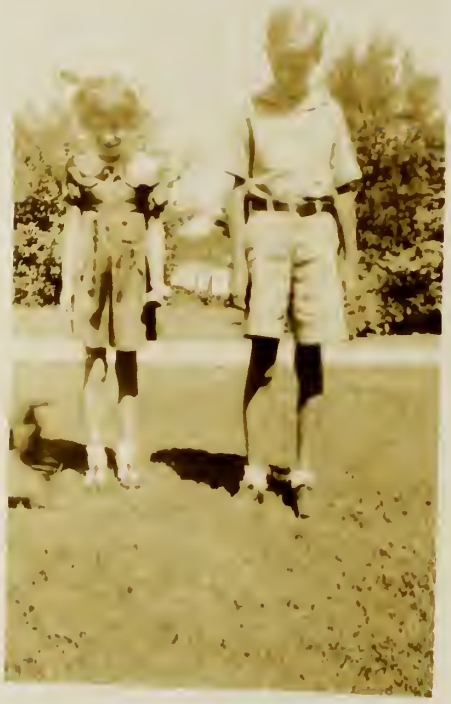
Patricia with Miss Fisher.



With Jack Hord

Miss Isabelle Gassett, Mr. Gassett, Patricia, Mrs. Specci and Mrs. Gassett.

Wayside Inn Diary

Tuesday August 20, 1935

Pleasant.

This is the height of the "house guest" season as well as the tourist season. Nearly every night our rooms are taken and very often the rooms at the cottage as well. Our rooms are very limited so we are never over-crowded at night.

No matter how busy we are during the day when bed-time comes there are just a few folks left staying overnight who really enjoy the quietness and charm of the Inn. After a busy day when hundreds of people have walked through the rooms it is so peaceful to relax and know the real Inn.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Wednesday August 21, 1935

Pleasant.

In September 1931 "Pop" Staples came to the country store where he showed people around and made them feel at home. He was here for only a few months but every one who knew him enjoyed having him around, always cheerful and pleasant. His home was in Brockton Mass. at 96 West Elm Street. Until recently he was unusually active for his age, eighty four years. He died today at his home after an illness of three months.

A Gray Line group came for luncheon. There were forty five and four drivers in the group.

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A clipping from the Brockton Daily Enterprise, Aug. 21, 1935.

FRANK STAPLES, PYTHIAN, DIES

Familiarly Known as 'Pop.'

Frank M. Staples, aged 84, of 96 West Elm street, one of the oldest members of Damocles Lodge, Knights of Pythias, with which he had been affiliated for 40 years, died to-day at his home after an illness of more than three months.

Until recently, "Pop" Staples, as he was familiarly known, was unusually active for his age and enjoyed daily chats with his friends and brother Pythians. During his sickness he had been cared for devotedly by his daughter, Mrs. Mildred Shedd, with whom he lived, and for the past two months a nurse has also been in attendance. Until a few weeks ago Mrs. Shedd and her father lived at 21 Highland street, moving in July to a smaller apartment.

FRANK M. STAPLES.

Of a genial disposition, he was a favorite with many, and his cheery smile and hearty laugh afforded him a wide acquaintance.

Mr. Staples was a native of North Penobscot, Me., and lived in that vicinity for years, being employed in the market business in that town and Orland, Me. He was married in 1872 and in 1890 moved to Stoughton. Four years later he located in Brockton and for a time was employed at a Montello market. He afterward entered the employ of the late William H. Cary, then head of the Brockton Last Co., and was caretaker of his estate on West Elm street for many years.

Soon after coming to this city, Mr. Staples joined Damocles Lodge, K. of P., and was one of its most energetic members. He was elected from chair to chair until January of 1907, when he was made chancellor commander. He became a member of U. R., K. of P., the same year and was captain of its rank work and served in other offices. He was one of the most popular Pythians in this section and was a member of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. While he was an active member, the lodge doubled its membership and during the time he served as chancellor commander more than 80 members were added in six months, establishing a record. He served on the building committee and was a trustee of the local lodge until 1915, when he returned to Maine for four years.

Retiring from active work he took up farming in a small way on the old homestead at Orland and lived there until the death of Mrs. Staples in 1928. He then came back to Brockton for a year after which he returned to Orland intending to make his home there permanently. The desire to be among his old friends became too strong, however, and again he returned to this city, where he could visit with fellow lodge members and enjoy reminiscences.

In September of 1931 he was offered a temporary position at the Henry Ford Wayside Inn ir Sudbury, where for a time his work consisted of showing visitors around and make them "feel at home." He was employed at the village store in connection with the inn. To Brockton friends he said he was hired as "one of the antiques."

The past few years have been spent here and until he was stricken with his last sickness he was seen frequently about town and was a daily visitor at the Damocles smoking room.

Funeral services will be conducted by Damocles Lodge, at Pythian Temple Friday at 2 P. M. Interment will be in Dry Pond cemetery, Stoughton.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Thursday August 22, 1935

Showers in afternoon.

Recently a guest at the Inn told of re-conditioning the oldest house in Rhode Island, the Ridge House built in 1640 where Lafayette stopped. It is just over the line in Pawtucket. An interesting old stone is there, a gradual ascent so that it made it easier to mount a horse. During the restoration of the house water which had settled between the ceiling and floor above was drawn out but the old plaster made of shell lime still held. It was a hurried call and the gentleman left without telling his name.

A small group of tea came for lunch on the Gray Line.

Wayside Inn Diary

Friday August 23, 1935

Pleasant.

A busy day at Wayside Inn and a most interesting one! Two hundred and twenty four meals were served and crowds of people came to go through the Inn.

There were sixty-nine for luncheon in the Trauck Tour group and fifteen in the Gray Line.

From noon until three thirty over ~~thirty~~ Mary Lamb books were sold and nearly ten dollars worth of post cards.

We were "rushed" for a while and marked today as one of our busiest days this year.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Saturday August 24, 1935.

Pleasant.

At one thirty twenty three came for luncheon on the Lackawanna Tour and twenty seven on the Gray Line Tour. So far this is the largest number in the Lackawanna group, there are not usually more than ten or twelve.

Transportation for the Lackawanna Tour on Saturday August 17, 1935.

Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday August 25, 1935

Pleasant.

Today has been our busiest day for groups this summer. Over one hundred dollars were taken in in admissions, nearly seven hundred and fifty people were shown through the house. They weren't just curious tourists but interesting and interested people who wanted to hear all about their American ancestors, their way of living, their actual daily life, a crude casual existance for which they worked very hard.

Twenty students from Columbia University were guests this afternoon.

Sun. Aug. 25 1935 Continued.

Last evening after the groups had thinned out and everything seemed quiet three guests came to see the Inn. We were pleased to show them the different rooms and have them as our guests. They registered in this way, Mrs. Victoria Faber Stevenson, National President of the National League of American Pen Women, Washington D.C., Miss Mary J. Watts Assistant Principal Eastern High School Washington D.C., and Mrs. Eva Becker, State Vice President of Massachusetts, National League of American Pen Women and Dean of Women, Becker College, Worcester Mass.

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday August 26, 1935

Pleasant.

Mrs. Frank M. Sheldon of Lexington Mass. was hostess at a luncheon party for a group of visiting Girl Scouts. There were eleven "Cheftaines" of the French Girl Scouts "Les Eclaireuses" and one "Guides" from Wimbledon, England.

There was a visit today from the East Carolina Teachers College, a group of twenty seven students from Greenville, N.C. After seeing and hearing about the Inn most of them visited the mill, the school and the store.

Wayside Inn Diary

Tuesday August 27, 1935

Overcast - cool.

Dr. Charles Monroe of Framingham Mass. told one of the hostesses a sweet story this morning about his grandmother, Lydia Standish of Plympton Mass.

When her husband came home with a card of matches she said, "Thomas what have you?" and he answered, "I have a friction match. We won't have to use the tinder box any more."

She said, "The Scriptures say, 'There shall be signs and wonders in the latter day' and "its evident we live in the latter day."

Wayside Inn Diary

Wednesday August 28, 1935

Pleasant.

On the parlor window to the right of the desk, Childe Hassam scratched his name and the date in 1882 and underneath scratched a palette and brushes. Today Childe Hassam, one of the best known American artists, died at his home in East Hampton, N.Y. after a years illness. He was seventy six years old and born in Dorchester, Mass. of an old Boston family.

Mr. E.R. Fuller, Vice President of the Loyal Protective Insurance Company, 38 Newbury Street, Boston and eighty members of his company came to see the Inn this evening.

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Wed. Aug 28, 1935 Continued

CHILDE HASSAM, 76, NOTED ARTIST, DEAD

Paintings Widely Known —Was Native of Boston

EAST HAMPTON, N Y, Aug 27—Childe Hassam, one of the best known of American artists for more than half a century, died today at his home here after a year's illness. He was 76 years of age. His wife was at his bedside when he died.

Childe Hassam was a Boston boy, and of an old Boston family. He was born in Dorchester, and got his early art education in Boston. For several years he worked as illustrator for the old Boston publishing house, D. Lothrop & Co.

He went to Paris and studied under Boulanger and Lefebre for a while. What attracted him most in Paris was its street life, and he painted a number of street scenes. He was among the very first of the artists to take up this branch of work.

He went to London and repeated his success there. Then he established himself in New York city, where he became a great influence in art circles. He came to Boston frequently and stopped at the Boston Art Club where he was always welcomed by his friends here.

He took up etching and achieved distinction in that field.

Opposed Modernism

In painting he changed his style completely more than 30 years ago, due to the influence of Twachtman and some of the French impressionists, especially Monet. And thereafter he painted the American scene in a luminous impressionistic manner. He loved the Maine coast in Summer and places on Long Island.

There was a great demand for these impressionistic pictures of his, and his paintings are to be found in all the big museums of the country and in the big private collections.

Hassam was an aggressive man and he fought steadily the so-called modernistic movement in art. He called it insanity and a decadent thing. He was a power in the National Academy, and in fact had for years been regarded as one of the foremost American painters and etchers. Among his intimates he was genial and helpful.

Received Many Honors

His list of honor-prizes is notably long, and of these he prized the

CHILDE HASSAM

American Art Dealers' Association medal, awarded him last year, as his finest distinction in this line.

"We are a great industrial Nation," Hassam told an interviewer at the time, "but we are also an artistic one. Look at some of our great buildings, our bridges and viaducts. They in themselves are works of art. The trouble is that we have been called commercial so often that some have come to believe it. I see a change approaching. Americans are beginning to wake up to the fact that they have been made the dupe of foreigners who can give them cards and spades in commercialism."

When Charles Dano Gibson heard of his death, he said: "Hassam was one of the greatest artists this country has produced."

Hassam's mother was a descendant of William Hawthorne, a deputy of the King, in Salem, in 1696. Nathaniel Hawthorne, the great writer, was also related to Hassam.

On one occasion, some years ago, when the art museums were mere mausoleums, Hassam said:

"The trouble is, art in America is managed, directed, and run by old women."

Wayside Inn Diary.

Thursday August 29, 1935

Pleasant.

Dr. David R. Porter, head-master of the Mount Hermon School, Northfield Mass. came for dinner tonight with Mrs. Porter and their two daughters. Dr. Porter stayed overnight, Mrs. Porter and the girls left for Northfield.

Mr. Ford and Dr. Porter received degrees from Colgate University in June.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Friday August 30, 1935

Rain - cold.

Weather conditions did not vary the usual Friday groups. Fifty guests had luncheon at noon coming on the Tauck Tour, a group which we look forward to welcoming every Friday. Twenty seven others came on the Gray Line and had luncheon at one thirty.

In the afternoon three Gray Line groups came to see the Inn. Most of these people are visiting in Boston coming from states all over the country and crowding hours of sight seeing into a very limited time.

Fri. Aug. 30, 1935 - Continued

Once again we welcome the school groups. Mr. John Dallavo and nine students from the Horace Mann School in New York City were guests this afternoon and nine boys came from the high school in Haskell, New Jersey. These groups are small in comparison to the ones we have during the school year which will be starting very soon after Labor Day.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Saturday August 31, 1935

Pleasant.

On Saturday July thirteenth the first Lackawanna Tour came for luncheon at the Inn. For eight weeks they have been our guests on Saturdays and today the last group came, fourteen in all. They had luncheon at one-thirty and were told the history of the Inn afterwards.

Perhaps next summer when the tourist season opens we will have the pleasure of welcoming them again.

Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday September 1, 1935.

Pleasant.

Miss Esther Hongan whose father is a professor at the University of Wisconsin was a guest today and a very interesting one She is just twelve years old and told us why she is so interested in Wayside Inn. Mr. Rasmouss B. Anderson, one of the first settlers of Madison Wisconsin, visited the Inn eighty eight years ago in 1847 and now after all these years Esther comes to see this same Inn which Mr. Anderson once visited and has told her about. He was a personal friend of Ole Bull.

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday September 2, 1935

Pleasant.

Labor Day.

This holiday always brings a lot of people to the Inn so it has been a very busy day but not unexpected. Groups were continuous from morning until evening. A Gray Line group of fifty-five had luncheon at noon and other busses came shortly after three o'clock with guests to see the Inn.

Our groups on Sundays and holidays are somewhat different from week day groups. There are families together and little children just as anxious to look around as their mothers and fathers are.

Wayside Inn Diary

Tuesday September 3, 1935.

Pleasant.

Miss Fisher left early this morning on a two weeks vacation which she will spend at West Boothbay Harbor, Maine. Mrs. Bennett, who has been helping at the Inn during the summer, will not be here this week. She starts teaching again at the Southwest School on Monday September ninth.

Miss Marion Allen, a former teacher at the Mary Lamb School, joined the hostess staff today but only for a week, just to fill in after Labor Day.

Eddy Dowling, well know stage comedian, was a dinner guest today with Mrs. Dowling and two friends.

Wayside Inn Diary

Wednesday September 4, 1935
Rain - Very unpleasant.

Mr. John S. Whittemore, Secretary and Treasurer of the International Federation of Commercial Travelers Insurance Organizations, 77 Franklin Street, Boston, entertained thirty eight visiting insurance men at dinner tonight at six o'clock. There is an insurance convention in Swampscott which they had been attending during the day.

Mr. Whittemore, whose home is in Newton, gave a very interesting bird lecture at the Inn this past winter which was attended by our school boys and many Wayside Inn employees.

Wayside Inn Dairy

Thursday September 5, 1935

Showery.

The Middlesex Jury, a group of twenty four, came from the Cambridge Court for luncheon today. It has been sometime since a group of jurors have been our guests for luncheon. It is a little farther than they usually go but we do hope they will come again

Occasionally we see or read about some of the Fraters who come every year to attend the Universalist Ministers Retreat. The clipping on the next page brings to mind Dr. Van Schaick one of the ministers who has been coming for many, many years.

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Thurs. Sept. 5, 1935 Continued.

"YES AND NO, MOSTLY YES"

Catholics and Protestants, Lutherans and Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, Universalists, and adherents to several other Christian bodies, constituted the congregation. They assembled on a recent Sunday in a small church building of a New York country community. Dr. John van Schaick, Jr., clergyman and editor, preached a sermon on "The Mission of the Country Church," in which he asked and answered the question: "Is there any mission for little country churches at the cross roads, up on the hills, or in the smaller hamlets?"

All the difficulties of the remote church in communities the country over exist in that church. Human progress, manifest in the automobile, the radio, and numerous other machines has made it as easy for the country family to drive to church in town as for the townspeople to walk to meeting. Populations have shifted and changed. What was once a church of a certain denomination has often found itself surrounded by members of a dozen other denominations. Small churches have suffered frequently because they appeared to be selfish institutions, "not much interested in the community but interested only in keeping alive." The ministers of such churches also have failed continually to keep pace with human thought and to recognize the significance of modern ideas.

To this main question he returned the discriminating reply: "Yes and no, but mostly yes." When denominations pool their resources and put specialists at work covering sizable territories, people respond. The best answer to the question was what Beards Hollow witnessed that day. An old church was restored and beautified by the volunteer efforts of "the neighbors." Services will be held for a month. That surely is worth while if only as a demonstration of the fellowship of a dozen denominations. Dr. van Schaick is doing in the community of his youth something similar to what Owen D. Young is doing in behalf of education in the little community where he passed his boyhood.

Wayside Inn Diary

Friday September 6, 1935

Pleasant.

This is the first Friday in many weeks that we haven't had the Tauck Tour and Gray Line people for luncheon.

Labor Day has passed and with it vacation days for hundreds of people who have made these same trips possible. There will be busy days yet but not the large groups who come daily during the summer months.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Saturday September 7, 1935
Pleasant.

Up to now Saturdays have been one of our busiest days. For two or three weeks after the first of September the days average about the same unless there is a reservation for a special group.

It was quiet today. We miss the weekly visits of the Lackawanna Tourists who came on Saturdays for luncheon.

On Monday schools open for our children. The Mary Lamb School is closed to visitors today. Mr. Mauro, the janitor, is cleaning and preparing for the opening day.

Wayside Inn Diary

Saturday September 7, 1935

Pleasant.

Mrs. C. S. Willard of West Roxbury Mass. and seven friends had a chicken dinner served in the old kitchen tonight. This is the first kitchen dinner for many weeks but now that the evenings are cooler we are hoping for many real kitchen dinners with the meat roasted in the tin oven.

There seems to be so much atmosphere when we are preparing for these dinners. Our guests are fascinated and surprised when they come.

Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday September 8, 1935

Pleasant.

There is a corner in the Inn that is seldom mentioned in our conversation and that is the porch where meals are served on warm, pleasant days. It was added to the old dining room about twenty five years ago by Innkeeper Lemon and although it may lack the antiquity and atmosphere that we love about the Inn, it is a charming place for a meal and requested so often by our guests. Today nearly all of the tables were taken on the porch throughout the afternoon and early evening.

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday September 9, 1935

Rain - Very unpleasant

The first day of school! The Wayside Inn Schools swung open their doors to welcome the pupils for the coming year. The Mary Lamb and Southwest Schools held opening exercises in the ballroom of the Inn. Mrs. Bennett starts her fifth year as teacher at the Southwest School. At the Mary Lamb, a Miss Dorothy Landall of Beverly, Mass. is starting on her teaching career. She was graduated from Salem Normal School in June. Miss Barbara Brown, the teacher for the past two years, is teaching in Lexington this year.

Wayside Inn ~~Schools~~ Diary.

Tuesday September 10, 1935
Pleasant.

We are pleased to record that Miss Priscilla Staples, a former hostess at the Inn, has once again joined the family but only for a week. Priscilla is home from Washington where she is employed at the Red Cross Museum and is having a three weeks vacation. This being the middle week of her vacation she was very accommodating and happy to help us, to really be back again.

She came yesterday and remembers very well the story and history of the Inn.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Wednesday September 11, 1935

Pleasant.

Historic Concord is ready to start its four day tercentenary tonight. The glamorous epochs that are the history of Concord over a period of 300 years since sturdy Pilgrims incorporated the town in 1635, will be merged into one tonight by townspeople in a pageant of three centuries, as they open their celebration

Every building in the centre of Concord is gay with bunting and every family in town is taking some part in the observance of the tercentenary.

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Concord History Is Depicted in Pageant

CONCORD MEN IN PAGEANT
Left to right, Clarence S. Bodfish, Jr., as Captain Parsons, Robert Tompkins as Andrew Conant, and Alexander C. Peters as Paul Revere, in the 300th anniversary pageant at Concord.

HISTORIC PAGEANT GIVEN IN CONCORD

Four-Day Tercentenary Observance Begins

Herald

CONCORD, Sept. 11—Concord's historic past was portrayed by its present day residents in a pageant, "The Drama of Concord," which tonight opened the four-day tercentenary celebration of the town.

Two hundred and forty-five residents many of them descendants of the men and women whose roles they played, took part in the pageant which was staged before a capacity audience in the Veterans building. With insufficient room backstage, the actors used the parish house of a church across the street for a dressing room.

The pageant was historically true, even to the wearing of the actual clothes of the famous characters portrayed. Mrs. Louisa Alcott Kussin, grand niece of the immortal Louisa May, played the part of her ancestor in a dress which Miss Alcott wore when she was one of Concord's literary greats.

The drama showed Concord in the three great periods of its history, Colonial, Revolutionary and Civil war days. Allen French, historian, was its author, and Mrs. Charles W. Farnsworth its director. Tonight's presentation was the first of three to be given during the tercentenary celebration.

An orchestra of Concord musicians played, with the Rev. Edward Perry Daniels, minister of the First Parish Unitarian church, Concord, as musical director. Assisting Mrs. Farnsworth as director were Raymond P. Baldwin, Mrs. Raymond P. Baldwin, Mrs. Thomas Flint and Marvin C. Taylor. There were many others in the organization on production, with Mrs. Caleb H. Wheeler as chairman of the tercentenary pageant committee.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Thursday September 12, 1935
Pleasant. Very warm.

During the course of the summer months there are many Howe decendants who visit the Inn. To them the original pieces of furniture are particularly interesting. Nearly every one compares their coat. of. arms to the one we have in the parlor -

"And in the parlor, full in view,
His coat-of-arms, well framed and glazed
Upon the wall in color blazed;
Upon a helmet barred; below
The scroll reads "By the name of How."

Today Major and Mrs. A. E. Searles, Howe decendants, had luncheon at the Inn.

Wayside Inn Diary

Friday September 13, 1935

Overcast.

It has been two weeks since the Trauk Tour were our guests so today at nearly twelve thirty a group of thirty three came for luncheon. Many of the passengers on this particular tour are teachers from all over the country who are visiting New England for the first time. They are so appreciative of what Mr. Ford is doing here in Sudbury and are very anxious to know all about our little community. In leaving they carry with them a beautiful picture of a kind and generous man who has made the Wayside Inn and its surroundings a realiza-

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tion for thousands who come each year.

Saturday, Sept. 14, 1935

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Friday. Sept. 14, 1935

Missing.

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Wayside Inn Diary.

Sunday September 15, 1935

Very rainy - A.M.
Pleasant - P.M.

The morning hours were very unpleasant, it rained hard all night and early this morning so we expected today to be slow and uninteresting. Soon after noon the sun came out and what we had thought would be a dreary day proved to be a busy one.

Information from the register showed that people had been here from twenty states.

1 Connecticut
2 Florida
3 New York
4 Pennsylvania
5 Maryland
6 Massachusetts
7 Illinois
8 New Hampshire
9 Michigan
10 Wisconsin
11 New Jersey
12 Kansas
13 Colorado
14 Washington
15 Tennessee
16 Colorado
17 Rhode Island
18 Texas
19 Minnesota
20 Louisiana

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday September 16, 1935

Pleasant.

About seven or eight years ago Hamlin Garland, a writer of western stories, spent several days at the Inn. At the time he was gathering material for a new book. We have a picture of him wearing our old beaver hat and standing in front of the Inn after a ride to the Parmenter house in our stage coach. We were interested in the following clipping about Mr. Garland and on his 75th birthday we look back to ~~that~~ one time visit when the Inn family was happy to have him as a guest.

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Hamlin Garland at 75

Transcript - Sept 16, 1935

Old friends and admirers of Hamlin Garland, now at his ease in Hollywood after long years of literary activity—he is seventy-five today—may perhaps wonder how he looks upon the life and labor and woes of the Middle West farmer of our time. It is a full generation since, in volume after volume, he depicted the "desperate husbandman" in sombre, depressing colors, and, as one commentator says, "put the Middle West on the literary map." Garland himself was born on a Wisconsin farm, one where the long view was bounded by death and taxes, where almost the only distraction was to snatch a moment

> to sit and think
> How nice the grave 'll be—jest
> One nice, sweet, everlastin' rest.

He was never a true son of the soil. He never felt Riley's or Whittier's joy in pastoral scenes and occupations. In his mind's eye the "barefoot boy with cheek of tan" was only a luckless youngster trudging across the spikey stubble of a new-mown field, torture in every step, and all for lack of money in the family purse to buy shoes. He detested it all—the getting up at dawn to face an interminable round of chores, "weeding the onion bed on circus day." Somewhere he has said, "Most authors in writing of the 'merry, merry farmer,' leave out experiences like this. . . . Milking the cows is spoken of as a lovely pastoral recreation, when as a matter of fact it is a tedious job. We all hated it. We saw no poetry in it."

He wanted to get away from it, and he did. He found his vocation in writing about the life of the Western farmers instead of living it himself, and he used a generous part of his first earnings by the pen in easing the way of his parents on the old homestead. It may have been the influence of Howells that made him a realist. At any rate, his tales of man's ceaseless struggle with the soil and pests and weather had a stark and grim realism that soon brought him fame at home and abroad. He is an American Zola, except that his characters exhibit none of that sordidness and depravity which mark with a kind of blight all the men and women who move across the rural scene in "La Terre."

In a most appreciative and discriminating study of Garland's life and work which the late Joseph E. Chamberlin contributed to the Transcript a few years ago, he mildly deprecated the novelist's attitude. Brought up himself on a farm, the memories of his boyhood's laborious days were shot through with sunshine. They mellowed his whole life. He loved country life and never got far from it. He knew the truth in Hamlin Garland, but he knew that it was not the whole truth. He would have said that if the dark and dreary days on the farm make it a bane of existence there are enough compensating joys to make it, in the Miltonic phrase, a precious bane.

Wayside Inn Diary

Tuesday September 17, 1935

Pleasant.

Mr. A. J. Wall of the New York Historical Society was a guest today

Miss Perkins, president of Wellesley College, came for dinner tonight with friends.

The evenings are much longer now. Darkness falls shortly after seven o'clock and soon after nine all but overnight guests have gone and the usual quietness of the night descends upon the Inn. A crackling log occasionally breaks the quiet and calm which is so often evident when guests are reading, knitting or perhaps just "fire gazing" in the bar room or old kitchen.

Wayside Inn Diary

Wednesday September 18, 1935
Pleasant.

Mrs. Morgan's gift for arranging flowers may be seen in every room.

Today the French artichoke took its place among the flower family in a very artistic arrangement on a pewter platter. In full bloom it attracted a great deal of attention looking like a gorgeous thistle with shortened stem nestling among its green leaves. The wild carrot blossom added a touch of pale yellow for contrast.

Waypside Inn Diary

Friday September 20, 1935

Pleasant

We feel that our kitchen help has a great deal to do with the popularity of the Inn. They draw people again and again by the good food that is prepared for luncheons and dinners. Emma, the cook, is one of the oldest employees in the kitchen, not in age but in years of service. Her daily work begins early every morning when she comes in to prepare for breakfasts, to see that the first guests as well as the last are thoroughly satisfied and sent away well fed and happy.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Saturday September 21, 1935

Pleasant.

From the Theologians Tale "Elizabeth"

Ships that pass in the night, and
speak each other in passing,
Only a signal shown and a distant
voice in the darkness;
So on the ocean of life, we pass
and speak one another,
Only a look and a voice, then darkness
again and a silence.

Strangers start in groups at the Inn and so many times before our story has ended friends who have not met for several years are reunited but for only a few minutes, the minutes that they are within our doors. "Ships that pass in the night -" they may never meet again.

Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday September 22, 1935

Pleasant - cool.

On a cool, pleasant day like today we wish everyone could see our tavern and enjoy the scenery around the Inn. Every inch of ground is lovely and the old Boston Post Road is the "highway to glory" as people drive in from route 20, a busy street on a busy day.

There were hundreds of guests today, nearly six hundred including those who paid admission and others who were served in the dining room. Sunday is our busiest day now. It is the most convenient day for many people to come to the Inn.

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday September 23, 1935

Pleasant

A tang of fall is in the air and the evenings are quite chilly after the sun goes down. We like the summer months when there are so many visitors, interested and responsive, but we divide our feelings sometimes for a longing of winter, the snowy ground and lovely atmosphere at the Inn. With fireplaces ablaze from morning until late evening the visitor finds a hearty welcome awaiting and a quiet but cheery evening ahead.

Six boys from the Unitarian Sunday School, Littleton, Mass came today.

Wayside Inn Diary

Tuesday September 24, 1935

Pleasant.

The East was brought to our very door yesterday in the person of Miss Hideko Ono a student from Sakurai English College, Tokyo, Japan. Miss Ono, touring the United States, said she found the Wayside Inn typically American. It has given her a splendid idea of New England life.

Allan Farnham, official pianist of the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, came yesterday. Mr. Farnham played a Bach Prelude on the old piano in the small ballroom because it seemed to fit the tinkling notes of the old piano.

Wayside Inn Diary

Wednesday September 25, 1935

Pleasant.

Fifty six students from the Stafford High School, Stafford, Conn. came to see the Inn today with two teachers, Mrs. R.C. Glazier and Miss Ellen Hughes. This was our first real school group this fall. We are looking forward to several large groups before the cold weather starts.

How quickly the leaves are turning! We are using a few for table decorations around the house.

Wayside Inn Diary

Thursday September 26 1935 ✓
Pleasant

"Miss Colleen Moore, Hollywood, California had luncheon at noon today. Miss Moore's magnificent doll house is being exhibited at the Jordan Marsh Company (Boston) for the benefit of Boston's handicapped children. It is valued at $435,000. She visited the Mary Lamb School and was simply thrilled to find that it really existed. Miss Moore said that in the movies she had played both parts, pupil and teacher in a little red schoolhouse, and after seeing the "real thing" was most complimentary to Hollywood architects who made the settings so real. Miss Moore

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broadcasts from Fairyland Castle every evening at five o'clock. The music of the gold and ivory organ that plays from the Castle Chapel is heard over the microphone. It is supposed to be the smallest organ in use in the world."

Mrs. C. S. Sargent and twenty eight members of the Ladies Benevolent Society, Congregational Church, Webster Mass had luncheon at noon. After their meeting in the small ball-room about twelve or fifteen ladies played bridge.

Miss Prudence C. Priest and twelve nurses from the Medfield State Hospital had dinner at seven o'clock tonight.

Wayside Inn Diary

Friday September 27, 1935

Very warm.

A summer day in September with the thermometer at eighty degrees in the afternoon.

The Tauck Tourists had luncheon at noon, thirty nine in all. Today's group was the final N.E. tour of the Tauck Company and we certainly regret that we are not having them as guests any longer. Every week we have looked forward to welcoming them, they have been charming people and most appreciative. They are coming again next year so until then we have said, "Auf Wiedersehen!"

Tonight we were reminded of the Universalist Ministers and

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and the three day retreat they have at the Inn in January of every year. Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Belden of Hartford, Conn. spent the night at the Inn. They are very friendly with many of the Waters particularly Dr. Van Schaick whom they know very well.

Guests registered today from Marlborough England: We feel neighborly to every guest who comes to visit. There is hardly a place on the globe that is not represented on our register, visitors come from everywhere. One of our nearest neighbors is the city of Marlborough, Mass. so we feel very close to our friends from Marlborough, England.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Saturday September 28, 1935

Rain

"Many boys from the Wayside Inn Boys School attended the Natick Fair today. They exhibited vegetables from their gardens and came home with 21 ribbons — 8 firsts, 9 seconds and 4 first prizes. A week ago these same boys went to the Acton Fair and took many prizes there as well.

William Piazek, who has been helping at the Inn since the first of September, won first prize at both Fairs for the vegetable judging contest."

Doris Kerrigan

Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday September 29, 1935

Pleasant.
Showery - Late afternoon

The extra hour that was tossed away in April by the temperamental thing called "Daylight Saving" was recovered this morning at 2 a.m. when the state returned to standard time. We enjoy this change of time in summer because we long for more daylight at the close of day. This going back to standard time has an immediate effect on the number of sight seers we have at night. It is difficult to get used to at first after having twilight for a lovely drive in the evening and now darkness at six o'clock.

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday September 30, 1935

Pleasant.

" My ornaments are fruits, my garments leaves. "

Longfellow.

The Inn looks very attractive at this time of year when there is so much color in the leaves and flowers decorating the house.

In the old kitchen there is something fascinating about the gourds that are in a large wooden bowl on the table in the center of the room. Different sizes and the funny little shapes make them more interesting.